

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Thanks to everyone who stopped by my Sahuaro Neighborhood Dialogue on Wednesday evening. I appreciate all your positive comments as well as your concerns. If you were unable to attend, but still wish to let me know about your ideas and suggestions for Glendale, please contact me by phone at 623-930-2249 or via e-mail at sfrate@glendaleaz.com.

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Important Online Payment System Notification. Glendale's online payment system will be unavailable on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. for regularly scheduled maintenance. This affects all online payments including utility billing, court-related fine and traffic payments.

Glendale PD Showcases New Technology. U.S. Congressman Ed Pastor recently had a firsthand look at how funding he sponsored is being used by the Glendale Police Department to equip patrol cars with new video technology.

Thanks to a \$940,000 federal appropriation in 2008, Glendale will be the first municipal police department in the valley to utilize in-car video technology in its full fleet of patrol cars. By February 2011, more than 100 patrol cars will have in-car cameras.

The dash-mounted cameras capture visual and audio recordings that can prove useful for crime prevention and during investigations resulting in:

- Improved prosecution rates with video evidence of incidents
- Officer protection, as recording interactions can be a deterrent to hostile behavior toward officers during a stop
- Improved officer training with use of real-life scenarios captured by the new in-car cameras.

The camera system purchased with the federal appropriation was chosen as the most officer-friendly and intuitive. In addition to cameras on the dashboard, it utilizes microphones in the patrol car and on officers. The system can be activated with the push of a single button or, in some cases, it will be automatically triggered when officers turn on their patrol lights.

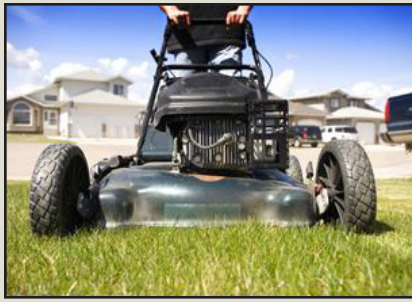
Once activated, the camera will capture sound and image from 30 seconds before the trigger, throughout an incident, and for another 45 seconds after it has been deactivated. The pre-record, actual incident, and post-record is captured as a single file without gaps.

Digital data captured by the cameras can be stored for up to 10 years when it is tagged to be retained for use in criminal prosecution.

Glendale Spotlights Value of Library Services. In money-strapped times, one of the best recession-buster strategies a family can employ is to look at their spending and see how much they could save by using their city library for everything from books, music and games to online tutoring and other little-known library services. In Glendale, librarians estimate a family of four can save approximately \$4,000 a year.

This savings has prompted the City of Glendale to shine a spotlight on its three public libraries during Cities & Towns Week, Oct. 25-29. This week is set aside by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns each year to focus attention on city services that contribute to residents' quality of life.

[Click here](#) to see how even moderate use of Glendale's public libraries translates into big savings.



Glendale Loans Tools for Community Volunteer Projects.

Are you looking to improve your neighborhood but are short on equipment or cash? Glendale's Community Volunteer Program can help by making tools available from our "Tool Shed." Registered neighborhoods and volunteer groups can check out tools for specific projects they're coordinating on their own, such as clean-up, landscaping or painting.

Expert advice and project consulting is available from city staff.

The type of equipment available from the Tool Shed includes:

- Painting supplies
- Lawnmowers
- Weed whackers
- Wheelbarrows
- Trash pickers and bags
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Pruning Shears

Additional tools are available.

For more information, call 623-930-2915 or look for details on the web at www.glendaleaz.com/CommunityPartnerships/Tools.cfm

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Friday Nite Lights – Tonight! There will be "No Tricks, Just Treats" for Friday Nite Lights from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15. For this Halloween-themed night, shoppers are encouraged to haunt their favorite downtown stores and eateries in their spookiest or most creative costumes. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500. [Read more.](#)

Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace. Join us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, for the Sixteenth Annual Front Porch Festival and Old Towne Marketplace. This event features a day of shopping with special activities on the lawns and front porches throughout the city's Historic Catlin Court and Old Towne district. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500. [Read more.](#)

Green Living Classes. The following classes will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

- Vegetable Gardening (1 to 2:15 p.m.) – Learn how, when, and what to plant.
- Composting (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.) – Learn different methods of composting and soil building.
- Care of lawns (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) – Learn how to install, water and care for winter and summer lawns.

All classes are free, but advance registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760. [Read more.](#)

Family Building Block Challenge. Join us for this popular event where families receive a tub of Lego's and a challenge to create something awesome. Each family will be given 1½ hours to design and build their creation before it is judged by our panel. Entry is \$30 per family and includes a Lego set valued at \$30. Join us from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. To register, call 623-930-4600.

2010 Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up. The city of Glendale is providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste. Residents can make an appointment to have their waste items picked up from their home, by calling 623-930-2660 before Oct. 22. [Click here](#) for details.

Authors @ the Teague. Author P.L. Gaus will discuss and sign his first two Amish-Country mysteries, "Blood of the Prodigal" and "Broken English," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Glendale Coffeehouse. Glendale Coffeehouse features two sets of area musicians and is held on the third Thursday evening of the month. On Oct. 21, Randy Brown and Gavan Wieser will perform. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

The Acoustic Jam Session. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. The next jam session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, and an audience is welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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